

ABSTRACT

A retainer for a patio door wherein a door closes against a metal mullion.

The metal mullion has an edge in face-to-face adjacency with a distal edge end of the door. A slot in the mullion edge is fitted with clips that secure a striker plate to

5 the mullion. The striker plate has an opening for receiving a latch. The door is prepped to receive a handle and latch mechanism, including an edge bore aligned with the opening of said striker plate. The retainer includes a plug slidable into the edge bore and having a protrudable end that is slidable from the edge bore and into engagement with the opening of said striker plate. Preferably a keeper applied to

10 the plug locks the plug in the protruded position.